I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2012 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 558-31 (COR)

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Relative to commending *Inafa'måolek*, Incorporated, and to expressing *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to the members of the organization for their selfless commitment and fine work in reaching out and positively touching the lives of people in our island community; and to further recognizing them on the observance of October 2012 as "Mediation Month" on Guam, and encouraging the residents of Guam to join in this observance.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I

- 2 MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:
- 3 WHEREAS, the vision of *Inafa'måolek*, Inc. is to enhance peacemaking and
- 4 reduce violence-related litigation through advocacy, mediation and education; and its

1 mission is dedicated to fostering peace and harmony in schools, workplaces and 2 communities; and

WHEREAS, since 1975, *Inafa'måolek*, Inc. has been Guam's only organization dedicated exclusively to peacemaking, especially dispute settlement services such as mediation and restorative justice, and conflict resolution training for all ages; and

WHEREAS, *Inafa'måolek*, Inc. has trained and helped to establish peer mediation programs in more than thirty (30) Guam schools, from elementary to high school; and

WHEREAS, the heart and soul of the work of *Inafa'måolek*, Inc. is its focus on mediating conflicts, with many referred by the Superior Court Judges; and *Inafa'måolek*, Inc. has provided mediation programs for all sectors of Guam's community; and

WHEREAS, in November 1994, *Inafa'måolek* (IM), Inc. conducted its first Peer Mediation training for thirty-one (31) students from John F. Kennedy High School. During the spring semester, IM conducted its first middle school training, and the following fall, they conducted its first elementary training. In subsequent years, IM has conducted at least ten (10) such ten (10)-hour trainings every school year, totaling over one hundred fifty (150) trainings; and altogether it was inclusive of over thirty (30) public, private and Department of Defense Schools throughout Guam. In support of Peer Mediation, *Inafa'måolek*, Inc. provides an array of specialized conflict resolution workshops for students, including: Date Rape/Dating Violence; Bullying; Hate Crimes (Racial-Ethnic Conflict); Suicide; Sexual Harassment; Rumors and Gossip; Peer Pressure and Smoking (Drugs/ Drunk Driving/ Drag Racing); Bulimia; and Bystander Response ("Good Samaritan"); and

WHEREAS, the hallmarks of the *Inafa'måolek*, Inc. workshops are the use of drama, such as the Peace Theatre skits; and the *Inafa'måolek*, Inc. youthful training team for other stakeholders within the schools, such as the "Peer Mediation Awareness" for parents; the "Creating a Safe School Climate" workshops for school aides and support staff; and the staff development presentations for faculty and school administrators; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, commend *Inafa'måolek*, Inc., and extend *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to the members of the organization for their selfless commitment and fine work in reaching out and positively touching the lives of people in our island community; and does further recognize them on the observance of October 2012 as "Mediation Month" on Guam, and encourage the residents of Guam to join in this observance; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to *Inafa'måolek*, Inc; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 18TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2012.

JUDITH T. WON PAT

Speaker

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Chairman, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES
Legislative Secretary